

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following new paragraph between original paragraphs [0020] and [0021] at page 7 of the Application:

Figure 1C is a perspective view of an alternative embodiment of a sludge harvester according to the present invention schematically depicting an auger used to gently break up a sludge layer in a sludge pond;

Please amend paragraph [0027] at pages 8-9 of the application according to the following marked up version of the paragraph:

[0027] The means for gently breaking up at least a portion of the sludge layer may comprise any mechanical device capable of gently breaking up a portion of the sludge layer. The embodiment illustrated in Figures 1A and 1B includes a pin mixer 106, although other devices, for example, an auger (Figure 1C) or a rake (Figures 2A-2B) could alternatively be used. The means for gently breaking up a portion of the sludge layer is intended to just break up the surface of the sludge layer without overly agitating and mixing the material of the sludge layer with the adjacent liquid dilute layer. By keeping agitation and mixing to a minimum, the nutrient value recovered is maintained at a high level.